

**PEDIATRIC COMMITTEE
OF GOVERNOR'S EMS AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL (GETAC)
OF THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES (DSHS)
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday February 27, 2013 10:30am

Call to Order: Charles Macias, MD, Chair

Discussion and possible action on the following items: Committee Members

1. Roll call/review of term dates (reappointments to the committee): Charles Macias MD, Chair

2. Committee liaison reports:

- a. Air Medical: Jorge Sainz- will be meeting tomorrow
- b. EMS: Verne Walker will be attending today
- c. Education: Charles Jaquith: Move CE programs forward requiring a medical director
- d. Injury Prevention: not present
- e. Medical Directors: Charles Jaquith will report tomorrow
- f. Stroke: Julie will report
- g. Trauma Systems: Verne Walker will attend
- h. Regional Advisory Council chairs: absent liaison
- i. Disaster planning: will meet tomorrow; absent liaison

3. EMS for Children State Partnership update: Manish Shah

Pediatric prehospital protocol resource tool; Published process for developing in Academic Emergency Medicine (Lang E, et al). NHTSA: Seizure (pedi) Pain and Helicopter EMS to be published in Pediatric Prehospital Care; Respiratory: Austin, Dallas and Houston through a TI grant (Manish Shah PI); 3 published ones will be on the website for Texas EMSC. Resources will include protocols, summaries (cervical spine injuries in children, non transport, non traumatic shock, etc...) and resources. The resources allow agencies to tailor to their infrastructure, not intended to be prescriptive. Disclaimers are on the home page for applicability. Statewide implementation for future resource through NASEMSO—each guideline will have a side by side guideline for adult and children unless there is only specific pediatric application (ex neonatal resuscitation). Outcomes to be studied as an example for respiratory distress.

National Pediatric Readiness Project. Multi society endorsement. In the process of collecting data in Texas. Response currently at 32% with hopes to achieve 80% response. On a statewide level data will be demonstrated for the state for quality. Will have members of the committee make personal phone calls.

Equipment list typically revised every 3 years. Dr Shah will be rep. Removal of potential harm items, not within the scope of practice or by provider level (ALS list and BLS list).

Ambulance equipment assessment and online and offline medical direction to be done in 2013 and 2015. July through September.

4. State Child Fatality Review Team update: Susan Rodriguez

DSHS coordinator on behalf of the state CFRT. Completed 2012 Annual Report. Released on April 1. 69 teams covering 219 of 254 counties. 93.3% of children are living in counties where reviews take place. 4,002 child deaths in 2009, 3,795 in 2010. Trend analysis in 6 years demonstrated a decline in natural (5 and over) and accidental deaths (1-4 and 15-17 age ranges: drowning death rate decrease on former and MVC deaths). Recommendations to the Governor-ban on wireless communication devices while driving, operation of MVC with detectable alcohol when driving, residential swimming pool have 4 sided fencing. Senator Jane

Nelson has filed resolution for April water safety month. Drowning reporting limited to collection in CFRT sites and how data is collected. Recommendations for additions to state committees: EMS and family violence gaps in representation at the state level. Senate bill 66 would also change reporting. Partnering with Child Abuse Texas expecting 800 attendees this year. Infant mortality in sleep environments. Texas is part of a 14 state learning collaborative to standardize messages.

Specific charge: to better understand submersion injuries and infant mortality data and best practices.

5. Pediatric imaging implementation strategies: Charles Macias and Sally Snow

Implementation: discussion in our backyards in our own institutions: Part of problem is specifically pediatric radiology services. Radiology societies, CHAT, TPS, TMA, ACS through ATLS. Macias will bring as QI project. Joint Commission has mandated monitoring. How do we share the Joint Commission data (Bonnie to report back)

6. Select one (1) committee member to represent the Education committee on the Trauma Systems Committee Registry Workgroup (TSCRW). The purpose of member participation on the TSCWG is to:

- a. Foster open communication during the implementation phases of the state registry
- b. Promote initiatives that assist in that implementation
- c. Provide the state registry with feedback regarding desirable enhancements to the State EMS/Trauma Registry
- d. Serve as an information conduit back to their constituents and stakeholder groups regarding the status of the registry.

Jorge Sainz will be our representative.

7. Pediatric transfer guidelines; review Washington State "Pediatric Consultation and Transfer Guidelines" and the Texas Rules governing transfer guidelines and agreements : Sally Snow
Tabled until May meeting

8. Opportunity for additional Public comment

Shelly Stevenson- Injury prevention committee. Drowning prevention evidence based from policies to education.

Bill Moore- Radiation safety. Linking safety committees across Texas. What are best practices. Message through trauma committee as well.

Kristine Rays- EMSC to use RACs to disseminate information.

9. Summary of charges for pediatric committee members that arose from the current meeting

10. Future meeting

Will add Metrics to the discussion. Guidelines and agreements. Consent for transfer. Transfer medical record for patient. Providing directions for the family to get to the other hospital. Criteria to correctly select facility to transfer exist through the EMSC program.

Review CFRT Annual Report. Submersion injuries and infant mortality will be the focus of next report.